

Joint Statement of Intent to Support Sustainability in the Port of New York and New Jersey

The purpose of this Statement is to memorialize the shared intention of The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, The City of New York Office of Long Term Planning and Sustainability, New York City Economic Development Corporation, New York Shipping Association, United States Environmental Protection Agency Region 2, City of Bayonne, City of Elizabeth, City of Jersey City, and City of Newark to work collaboratively to reduce emissions associated with maritime operations – including seaport, cruise port, and freight-related movements – at the Port of New York and New Jersey.

Over the last year the Port Authority, with input from the partners listed above, has worked to develop a Clean Air Strategy for the Port of New York and New Jersey. The purpose of the Strategy is to reduce maritime-related air quality impacts on human health and the environment from criteria air pollutants, reduce maritime-related contribution to greenhouse gas emissions associated with climate change, and contribute to the effort to bring the New York/Northern New Jersey/Long Island Non-Attainment Area (NYNJLINA) into attainment with applicable air quality standards. The Strategy identifies actions and commitments to reduce pollutant and greenhouse gas emissions from all port-related sources: Ocean Going Vessels, Harbor Craft, Cargo Handling Equipment, Rail and Trucks serving the Port.

The intent of the signees is to work cooperatively to:

- Implement the actions outlined in the Clean Air Strategy for the Port of New York and New Jersey to significantly reduce emissions of port-related criteria air pollutants, and greenhouse gases in the next decade;
- Prioritize the actions outlined in the Strategy based upon their corresponding tons of emissions reduced, cost-effectiveness, available funding, and localized area impacts
- Engage and maintain regular communication with community, environmental, sector specific and governmental stakeholders in the process of implementing, monitoring, and updating the Clean Air Strategy;
- Develop methods including periodic air emissions inventories to measure progress towards achieving the goals in the Clean Air Strategy;
- Publicize environmental results and accomplishments; and
- Continue to pursue opportunities to collaborate on ways to enhance Port sustainability.

We believe that this shared intent and spirit of cooperation can help ensure that the Port of New York and New Jersey remains both economically vibrant and environmentally sustainable.